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EXPLOSIVES

Dangerous Substances That are in Almost Constant Use

Among the many things in almost constant use are some that are more or less dangerous from their explosive properties, properties often entirely unknown to their users.

For examples, chloride of potash lozenges if accidentally brought into contact with an unlighted phosphorous match are dangerous. Bicarbonate of potash if mixed with subnitrate of bismuth, the latter a remedy for indigestion, will explode.

Iodide of nitrogen is highly explosive and is often combined with other drugs. Its use by those igorant of its danger is a menace.

Sal volatile and chloral hydrate are, under certain conditions, as dangerous as dynamite.

Tincture of iron and dilute aqua regia when mixed, as they often are in medicine, throw off a highly explosive gas, which has frequently shattered the bottle in which the mixture was kept.

One often finds bottles of medicine in which the cork has not been tightly pushed minus the latter or has had a cork pop out of a bottle while held in one's hands without any attempt to remove it on the part of the holder. This always shows that gas is forcing the cork out.

Danger in combs.

Every now and the one reads of celluloid articles, from fancy hair coiffure combs down, catching fire and serious burns or accidents resulting.

It would seem that everyone should by this time know that celluloid contains in its composition gun cotton and also camphor, both highly inflammable. No woman wearing celluloid combs or hair ornaments should place her head near an uncovered gas jet or other unprotected light, as celluloid catches fire so quickly and burns so rapidly that it would hardly be possible to avoid serious burns.

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When ice is broken in small pieces, ready for use in the sick room, it melts rapidly. Keep a large piece in a basin or pail and cover with several thickness of newspaper and break off the pieces as needed. They can be broken any size desired and with little noise, simply by sticking the point of a darning needle into the ice and tapping it with a thimble.

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FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

The Agricultural Department estimated 962,429,000bushels of corn was in farmers' hands March 1, against 1,293,000,000 bushels on hand March 1, 1007, and 882,-707,000 bushels the average of the past ten years.

The Government estimates that on March 1, 1902, the oats remaining in farmers' hands was 267,476,000 bushels, against 348,461,000 bushels at same time last year, and 311,625,000 the average of the past ten years.

The Government also estimates that on March 1, 1908, 148,721,000 bushels of wheat remained in hands, against 206,-644,000 bushels on hand the same date last year, and 155,263,000 bushels the ten-year average on same date.

It is said that at this time 20,000 dairy cows are being milked daily by milking machines. As the Government reports 21,194,000 milch cows in the country the milking machine does not make very rapid progress.

If alfalfa is sown with a nurse crop, it is best not to sow too much grain, and if it is the intention to remove the crop before it matures, it is better to seed with oats.

The grape is the only fruit that protests against late pruning by "bleeding." Raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries and currants can be pruned after they are in full leaf, or even in bloom, without apparent hurt.

Experiments have proved that manure made from animals fed on clover hay is worth double that made from animals fed on timothy hay.

A Pennsylvania dairyman reports that he kept a record of 80 calves, which consumed 12,000 quarts of milk, for which he received $481, or over four cents a quart, and the calves did the milking. He estimates that it takes 146 quarts of milk to make a calf four weeks old, which will weigh 160 pounds if they have Holstein blood.

When a calf does not seem to thrive it is recommended to give it a half-pint of wheat brand, with a pinch of salt, scalded with a teacupful of hot water. Give this with the usual amount of milk and always keep some corn, oats and hay with pure water handy.

An exclusive diet of corn will prevent hens from laying, so will an exclusive diet of anything else.

Ground millet seed has a nutritive ratio of 1-5, 4—1 of albumoids and 5.4 of carbydrates. This is a good fattening ratio. Half millet and half corn, ground fine, will make a more suitable proportion than corn alone. This is especially good for hogs, the pork having a better proportion of lean, and the pigs will be healthy while fattening. Ground millet is a very appropriate food for young pigs, giving them a large and more muscular frame.

When the hog seems to be losing the use of its limbs, feed less corn and more bran and oats chop. If the trouble is very bad, give 8 or 10 drops of nux vomica in the feed twice a day. Keep the bowels open by feeding an abundance of green feed.

A mixture of equal part of licorice and ginger in the hog feed two or three times each day is recommended for the pig that coughs. A lump of coal tar placed well down the throat while the pig is held up on its feet is also good.

It is said that if sulphur is sprinkled on the barn floor and through the corn as gathered there will not be a rat or mouse to bother. A pound of sulphur will be sufficient to preserve a large barn of corn.

Colic in our horses, says an English veterinarian, is generally the result of careless or improper feeding. The stomach of the horse is small and the digestion is limited, and if the horse is overfed or is allowed to gulp down a big feed colic is the result. Also if musty, sour feed is used or if fresh-cut grass wet with dew or rain is hastily eaten in large quantities colic is often the result.

The celery growers of Kalamazoo, Mich., last year grew 800,000 boxes of celery, each containing six dozen stalks. The value of this crop is $800,000—$1 a box.

It is claimed that frequent applications of hot water to the roots of peach trees keep the roots free from grubs. The bark just under the ground will be a greenish yellow. The soil should be dug away from the trunks and loose soil and leaves raked up against them. These can be removed with the hands when the hot water stimulates the flow of sap and the trees bear better.

The potato bug, or Colorado beetle, kasses the winter in the mature form. As soon as the potatoes are up these bugs begin feeding and laying eggs on the young leaves. The young that hatch from these eggs, as well as the next brood, are the ones that do the damage. Therefore, it is necessary that treatment should be begun as soon as the young beetles appear on the vines. Dust the plants while the dew is on, with a mixture made of one pound Paris green to 10 pounds air-slaked lime or cheap flour. Another good method is to spray the plants with a composition of two ounces of Paris green in 50 gallons of Bordeaux mixture, spraying the vines two or three times. For this purpose the Bordeaux mixture should be made out of three pounds of bluestone and five pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water. This mixture will not only kill the beetle, but also prevent the early blight from destroying the leaves and stems of the vines.

When the first appearance of the worm is made the plants should be dusted with the Paris green and flour mixture, described above. When the heads are forming use one pound of pyrethum powder to four pounds of flour to dust the plants. This is harmless to man. After the head begins forming Paris green should not be used. Those who are afraid to use Paris green are generally successful by beginning early to use the pyrethum powder and spraying often.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25th, 1908.

IN spite of the vigorous protests of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association against the inaction of the House of legislation looking to the free listing of wood pulp and print paper, no such action will be taken at this session of Congress. Speaker Cannon is master of the situation and has successfully obstructed all legislation on this subject by the appointment of a special committee, "to make a full investigation touching the alleged combination of the manufactures of print paper.

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Although President Roosevelt failed to realize his heart's desire in obtaining four battleships, he won a victory in the Senate this week when Senator Hale announced a committee amendment making an appropriation immediately available, of $7,000,000 for the construction of two battleships authorized by the bill. The fight for this concession was led by Senator Lodge who clearly intimated to the Senate leaders that the President would veto a bill which merely authorized two ships and made no appropriation therefor. While the bill authorizes two ships at a cost of $6,000,000 each, it is estimated that not more than the $7,000,000 available can be utilized before the first of next year. If this appropriation has been exhausted by that time an additional sum can and will be made available.

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There is no little resentment in the Senate over the action of the House in failing to make the necessary appropriation of funds for the construction of the two battleships it authorized, for the torpedo boats, the new submarines and for the submarines already in process of construction, appropriations, for all of which the upper house has been obliged to add. This course of the House is regarded in the Senate as a "grandstand play," enabling it to point to the increase of appropriations made by the Senate and to virtuously cry "extravagance," when, as a matter of fact the increases have been rendered actually imperative by the House itself.

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Entire harmony prevails between the Senate steering committee and the leaders of the House over the plans to be adopted for insuring financial legislation at this session of Congress. At the proper time a motion will be made to take the Aldrich bill from the Committee on Banking and Currency and consider it in committee of the whole. The next motion will be to strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute the Vreeland bill, and finally an amendment creating a currency commission will be added. In this form the measure will be sent back to the Senate and from there it will go to conference. Representative Vreeland has completed practically his poll of the House to ascertain the sentiment toward his financial bill, and says he has found enough favoring the measure to pass it. The expectation is that the commission provided for will consist of five members from each house.

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President Roosevelt has signed the employers' liability bill which makes railroads or other common carriers, while engaged in interstate commerce, liable for the injury or death of an employee, if the injury or death results in whole or in part from the negligence of any of the officers, agents or employees of such carriers or by reason of any defect or insufficiency in equipment. This provision is made applicable also to carriers in the territories, the District of Columbia, the Canal Zone and other possessions of the United States.

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There is no doubt that a quarantine will be established by the Cuban government against Venezuela, where the bubonic plague is said to be raging, though President Castro denies it is the plague and calls it some kind of a fever. Other reports, however, state that it is the dreaded Asiatic malady. Governor Magoon, of Cuba, has called the Secretary of War asking for authority to establish a quarantine against Venezuelan cattle, and perhaps other forms of exports from this republic. After a conference with Secretary Root, Secretary Taft cabled Gov. Magoon to deal with the situation as his judgment dictates and the exigencies of the case require and this signifies that an embargo will be placed against importations from Venezuela as long as the plague continues. Minister Russell has been recalled and diplomatic relations with Venezuela have been discontinued.

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In spite of all the evidence produced in the Brownsville affair before the investigating committee, many Senators still refuse to be convinced that the negro soldiers did the shooting on that memorable night. However a compromise has been suggested by which justice would be subserved and the feelings saved of all concerned. The compromisers would constitute Lieut. Generals Chaffee, Young and Corbin, all retired, a board to determine the innocence or guilt of the negro soldiers of the 25th Infantry applying for reinstatement in the army. It is hoped in political circles that this may prove the solution of this very wretched problem.

THE KING REVEALED

A weary, dusty traveler came once to the door of a widow's cottage in Scotland, asking for food and shelter. It was a perilous time and the woman knew not whether to count the stranger a soldier in need or a treacherous spy who sought her ruin; but when, by a few careful questions, he was convinced that he could trust her, he threw aside his cloak, and there shone upon his breast the badge of royalty. Then the widow knew that it was her exiled king, the noble Bruce, returned once more to claim his rightful sovereignty. Her heart was opened wide and she gave him all she had, of food and arms and her two noble boys to bear him company as he renewed his struggle for the throne. So to the few most trusted ones our King, who comes in His humility, reveals His royalty and they have the high privilege not only to see His glory, but to help Him to win His own.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

When window shades become faded at bottom take off roller, hem top like bottom on machine with long stitches, tack bottom to roller.

To mend broken china, tie parts together tightly, boil in new milk six hours; will wash like new if left to dry a few days before using.

Baked potatoes will cook mealy if ends are nipped off before placing in oven.

To brighten gilt frames, take sufficient flour of sulphur to give a golden tinge to about one and one-half pints of water. In this boil four old onions—strain off liquid. When cool, go over frames with a soft brush; when dry frames will look like new.

Mix stove polish with turpentine instead of water; will last much longer and prevent rust.

To remove fresh paint from floors, cover with vinegar, wipe up with clean cloth. Repeat if necessary.

To help keep preserves, wrap each glass jar in paper.

To prevent a lamp smoking, soak wick in vinegar and dry before using.

A little bluing added to whitewash will still further whiten it.

Moths will not enter woolen garments wrapped in newspaper.

To drive away ants, mix salt, pepper, sugar and borax together and scatter on shelf.

Set a saucer of cold water in oven to keep bread from burning.

Keep an apple in the cake box to keep cake moist.

An old-fashioned home-made furniture polish consists of one-third spirits of turpentine and two-thirds sweet oil. Apply with old flannel, and rub dry with another cloth. This removes all surface marks from polished furniture, and with repeated rubbings will give a high polish to unvarnished hard wood.

To prepare a mustard plaster in haste, trim the crust from a thin slice of white bread, then sprinkle it thickly with ground mustard, spread a very thin cloth over the mustard, then dampen with vinegar or water.

To clean cream nun's veiling: Make flour hot in the oven, spread the material on a clean cloth on a firm table, rub the hot flour into the stuff with a piece of clean flannel. Shake out the dirty flour, and apply fresh, till the surface is clean.

Use black knitting silk for darning stockings and you will be pleased with the work, for the needle runs smoothly under and over the stitches, with the result that the patch is very neat, much more so than when darning cotton is used.

To smooth rusted flatirons take a rough piece of toweling and cover it with salt, on which rub the heated iron; then rub over it a piece of beeswax, and then on a piece of clean rough cloth. The irons will come up excellent. A rough iron will make sad work of your clothes. Be sure to rince your clothes well, or they will yellow, even with the most perfect irons and careful manipulation.

There are two very good ways of keeping carpets looking nice. One is to go over them once a week with a broom dipped in hot water, to which a little turpentine has been added. Another, and perhaps better way, is to sprinkle the carpet with moist tea leaves and salt. Then sweep with short strokes with the nap of the carpet. The leaves gather the dust, while the salt brightens the colors and helps drive away moths.

A good home-made cement for broken crockery is unslacked lime or plaster of paris mixed with the white of an egg to the consistency of cream. A cement that is practically water proof is made by dissolving ordinary white glue in warm milk.

For whitening boards or cleaning marble take half a pound each of soda, powdered chalk and powdered pumice stone, stir together in a small quantity of water and then add half a pound of soft soap.

Mix together into a paste and use as soap with a scrubbing brush.

Honey should be kept in the dark or it will granulate.

The carpet-sweeper will be found more effectual if pushed in the same direction as the pile of the carpet, not against it.

In dampening clothes use a clean whisk broom. This will dampen the clothes evenly all over and make the weekly ironing a much easier task.

Teakettles would last longer if, after use, they were turned upside down to drain dry. It is the little drop of water left at the bottom which starts the rust that ends in a leak.

When oilcloth has been laid for a few months and is beginning to lose its shiny surface it can be renewed and made to last twice as long. Melt a little ordinary glue in a pint of water, letting it stand on the top of the oven until it is dissolved. Wash the oilcloth thoroughly and let it dry. Then at night, when no one will walk on it, go over the entire surface carefully with a flannel dipped into the glue water. Choose a dry day for doing it, and by morning you will have a fine gloss.

A hair brush can be easily and quickly washed, as nothing is needed but some warm water and a small piece of soda.

Dissolve the soda in the water and then dab the bristle part of the hair brush into the water three or four times, or until it is clean. Rinse the brush well in cold water and wipe it as dry as possible. Then set it to finish drying in a window where the wind will blow in on it if possible.

A piece of fine sponge, a soft cloth, and an old silk handkerchief, all perfectly clean, are required to clean a looking glass. First sponge the glass with a little wine or gin and water to remove all spots and then dust the glass over with powder-blue tied in muslin. Rub it lightly and quickly off and polish with the silk handkerchief.

FARMERS TALK OF TOMATO GROWING

Best Methods of Culture Explained at Sussex Grange Meeting

"Growing Tomatoes," the topic of the day at the Grange, April eighteenth, was taken up by the leader, R. C. Begley. This is a very important crop to Delaware farmers as nearly all of them grow tomatoes.

It is Mr. Begley's opinion that this crop should average a net profit of $50 per acre. It is important to have good seed. He has tried several varieties and prefers Burpee's Matchless. They hang on the vines a long time without rotting and are more free from blight than many sorts. He plants the seed in rich ground, using chicken manure to fertilize the seed bed. He marks out a furrow five inches wide with a hoe, scatters the seed thin and covers one-half inch with earth. When the seed begins to come up he loosens the ground with a hand rake. The plants are stronger than when the seed is sowed thick. The plants are liable to an early attack of the flea bug and for this he sprays with bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead, practically keeping them covered with the bordeaux and spraying thoroughly about two hours before the plants are set in the field. With Mr. Begley early set plants do best. Those put out the last of May and first of June give better returns than later set plants. For the tomato field he prefers a clover sod, covered with stable manure, plowed and kept well worked up a month before needed. For phosphates he uses 800 pounds of fish, 800 pounds of rock and 400 pounds of Muriate of Potash, applying 800 pounds per acre. The field should be cultivated from the time the plants are set until they are too large. Shallow cultivation when the weather is dry. He used five loads of manure last year to the acre and got a fraction over nine tons of tomatoes per acre.

J. J. Rosa likes best a clover sod manured and plowed in the fall. In the spring manure and plow again and put on 800 pounds of fertilizer.

Charles Sackett usually sets his plants late on the ground where he cuts scarlet clover-hay. When he prepares the ground and sets the plants early he gets the best yield.

John Short grew eleven and one-half tons per acre in 1907. He used clover and timothy sod, manured in the fall and plowed early in the spring keeping it well worked up until time to set plants. Marked the ground both ways with a three-foot ten-inch marker. Sowed phosphate, 400 pounds per acre, down the row and covered with a cultivator. He grew the Success and liked them.

S. Armour plants seed in well manured ground, in narrow row, so as to get stocky plants. A. C. Howe inquired the best way to apply coarse manure and was advised to use it broadcast and plow under and use phosphate in the row.

Charles Barker thinks Mr. Begley's system a good one and his method of keeping young plants covered with bordeaux excellent. Mr. Barker is trying this year Delaware Beauty and Success. It has always been a question with Mr. Barker about fertilizing in the hill. When he does it, he regrets it, and when he does not, he wishes he had.

Mr. Sackett has tried broadcasting and fertilizing in the hill. When broadcasting only, thought the fruit ripened slowly. His plan is to broadcast 400 pounds of phosphate and put 300 pounds in the hill per acre.

H. R. Lenex suggested that phosphate be put on top and then cultivated in when the plants were cultivated. When nitrate of soda goes down and could be used this way, other phosphates, especially fish, give better results if put in the furrow.—*Milford Chronicle.*

Visions and Ideals

Carrying with us a sense of divine companionship, conscious of our heritage from generations past, may we never stand bewildered between our visions and our tasks, but find in them and in every opportunity for human help the heavenly call to us to be artists in divine things, making real in human lives and institutions our visions and our ideals.

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ONLY TWO BIG BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, April 27th.—By a decisive vote of 50 to 23 the Senate to-day defeated President Roosevelt's program for four 20,000 ton battleships and affirmed the action of the naval committee in providing for the construction of only two powerful armor clads.

To those who have watched the progress of the contest the action of the Senate was no surprise, except in that the vote of the advocates of the bill not being as large as was thought for, and fell four short of the conservative estimate.

Recent events have demonstrated that Mr. Roosevelt was not as popular as formerly with some of his most loyal supporters, and this may have had some effect upon the vote. The defeat of the measure was inevitable in spite of the President's special message advocating the four ships. Hints from the White House of vetoes and unofficial efforts of the President to gain all his ideas made but a poor showing in the minority, less than one-third of the total vote being cast. Of the 50 Senators who voted against the four battleships 32 were Republicans and 18 were Democrats.

READY FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

The quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which opens in Baltimore on Wednesday, May 9, will become one of the most important in the history of the denomination. It will have especial historical importance because it will mark the centennial of the organization of the General Conference at "Light Street Parsonage," and will recall that the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Baltimore, at the Lovely Lane Meeting House, in 1874.

There will be more than 800 delegates, some of whom will bring their wives and children, so that the entertainment committee is calculating on the coming of about 2,000 from all parts of the world. In addition 2,000 Methodist visitors are expected from the surrounding cities. The western and New England states will also be largely represented.

PENSION AGENCIES TO BE CONTINUED

The various pension agencies of the country will not be abolished this year, as proposed in the pension appropiation bill passed by the House, at Washington. The Senate Committee on pensions has voted unanimously to retain these seperate agencies, rather than to concentrate the payment of pension vouchers in the Washington office. They also agreed to stick to this determination when the bill goes to conference so that the House will have to recede on this point just as it did last year. Provision was also made to supply the $12,000,000 necessary to carry into effect the "widows pension bill," which has been signed by the president. This brings the total which will be carried by the bill up to the enormous sum of $162,000,000.

OLD DRAWYERS IS 200 YEARS OLD

Old Drawyers' Presbyterian Church, near Odessa, is arranging to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the congregation which is said to be the oldest Presbyterian congregation in America. The anniversary day is June 7th.

It is the intention of the committee having the anniversary exercises in charge to have distinguished Presbyterians, as well as State officials take part in this year's celebration at the old church. Meetings are held in the church annually.

George Janvier, deputy clerk of the peace, is secretary of the congregation.

DIVORCE MAKES AMERICANS HAPPY

CHICAGO, April 27th.—"Divorce appears to be the institution that makes you Americans the happiest people on earth. More divorces are granted here than in any other country. Three times as many divorces are granted in Chicago as in any other city. Therefore Chicago is the happiest city in the world."

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In our town, these days, we see faces that are strangers to us, faces that are not familiar in our town.

People from distant parts of our county, from other towns, and other localities, some near, some far—drive in to inspect and ascertain personally the worth and reliability of the pledges that are made from time to time to the public, by means of extensive advertising, by poster notices and in the local papers.

Generally those strangers are heavy buyers, and return homeward well satisfied with the results of their long trip. This is the finest and highest recommendation that can be given to our business men and should be the source of their keenest pride and gratification. It proves that they have backed up their promises, and redeemed their pledges, and that they were able to, as they hoped, meet the expectations of those who respond to their invitations, and took them at their word. It proves further, that these messages to the public, in one form or another—newspaper "ads" and poster notices—are bringing them the hoped for results, in the form of increased popularity, increased number of customers and increased business.

If it were not so, why then those many strange faces in our town these days? Why then do people travel so far, from distant localities, to do business here?

Here and there in localities, are still to be found little miserly business men who have not yet learned the great lesson of business progression, but generally they lean against deserted counters and sooner or later go to the wall.

Business progression these days is activity—expansion. The business man must speak to the people or they will not speak to him. He owes it to the people, and the people are entitled to know what he has to offer them; if he will not keep in touch with them, and keep them enlightened regarding his business, they will reciprocate his slight. They will not keep in touch with him and he does not deserve it. The new and just demand of the people, to be recognized by the business man, and to be informed from time to time regarding his activities, constitutes the most desirable, the most ligitimate kind of advertising.

It is directly in opposition to trick and wild-cat advertising, has the usefulness and brawn of sincerity, and finds stability in sound reason, in justice, and in good business principle.

HIGHER SEASHORE RATES

Stating that large increases in operating expenses, due to increased cost of labor and material, and that heavy expenditures for increased taxes and improvements have rendered the action absolutely necessary, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has announced that, beginning June 1st, extra passenger rates on the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad will be levied.

The increased rates will affect the resorts named below. The increase on a round-trip ticket from Philadelphia to Atlantic City will be 24 cents on both the steam and electric roads. The increases on the round-trip fare to other resorts will be the same where the rates are exceptionally low.

Commutation tickets will also be affected so as to compare with rates on the main line and other divisions of the Pennsylvania. The rates on these are now being adjusted.

These resorts will be affected: Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, Ocean City, Wildwood, Anglesea, Wildwood Crest, Holly Beach and all resorts on the Wildwood, Newfield, Penn's Grove, Maurice River, Bridgeton and Ocean City and Avalon branches.

LETTER TO WILLIAM DIXON

Middletown Del.

Dear Sir: Two cans of paint look alike; when opened; two jobs look alike, so long as they're new—unless one is scant.

They are far from alike: one is paint and the other is trash.

The gallon price is not far from alike. They don't cost alike. One takes 10 gallons to paint a house; the other takes 20. The cost of one job is $50; the other $100—it may be $90—the job that cost least is the good one; wears twice as long as the other

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Yours truly
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WHAT SHOULD OUR CHILDREN READ

When a child refuses to go to school or to work, is disobedient and listless, there is something wrong. A child brought up with the right kind of books as companions will love his school and his books.

Children are natural imitators. They will very soon learn to talk and act as their companions on the street do. Or if their leisure time is mostly spent with books, their thoughts will dwell on what they read about. And as a child thinketh so is he. His sole aim will soon be to emulate the deed and character that are foremost in his thoughts.

There is nothing printed that will take such complete possession of a mind to the exclusion of everything else, as the stories that have yellow covers,—or such stories, wherever found, as treat of love and murder, hatred, blood and disaster with no feeling and as freely as though such a display of passions were an every day occurrence, and carry the impression that life without such scenes is tame and not worth living. They are so unreal that no one ever thinks of claiming that there is one word of truth in them.

A child cannot study or do anything while his mind is full of such trash. He is absent minded and acts as one in a dream. If he continues to read such stories he becomes discontented with his home and dissatisfied with all around him. His chief desire is to get out into the world which his misguided imagination peoples with friends waiting to make a hero of him.

While boys choose stories of Indians and pirates and girls read the sensational tales the influence is just as baleful over one as the other. You can hardly take up a paper but you will find proof of this. Here you will read of two or more boys taking all the knives and pistols they can find and secretly starting out West to be cowboys and fight the Indians. Another paper tells of a boy or girl running away from home. I pick up the nearest paper to me and find an account of a boy in California killing himself and the only reason that could be found for the act was "he had been reading dime novels."

It is heartrending to notice how often the papers chronicle the taking of life in their teens.

Very few people will allow their children to have such reading, but unless there is an abundance of suitable reading at home a child will find some other way of supplying himself notwithstanding commands of his parents.

If taken while young a child's likes and dislikes can be educated in almost any direction; and good reading is a great help in making good children. A true story or a narrative of deeds that a human being might have done, history and tales of travel will linger in a child's mind and inspire him to be honest, noble and truthful; to honor and obey his parents and teachers and to love his school and companions.

With a little planning by the mother home may be made the place to be preferred above all other places by the children, especially at night.

Reading aloud and telling the best they can what has happened and what they have seen during the day, should be encouraged in children. Teachers will tell you there is a noticeable difference between scholars who have books and papers to read at home and those who have not.

PARK THEATRE—MAY 4, "LI L MOSE"

It is impossible to conceive how any more laughs to the minute could be created by a piece than those indulged in by the audience which witnessed Nixon & Zimmerman's production of their new musical fun-play, "Li'l Mose," at the Savoy Theatre. Messrs. Nirlinger and Brown have constructed a piece which is a combination of grand opera music, farce and pantomime, but through it all they have maintained a pretty love story with certain dramatic features. "Li'l Mose," from being a cartoon character, has developed into a flesh and blood reality, and carries on his small shoulders a goodly portion of the plot. One first sees "Mose" in Venice, where he has been left stranded by a wealthy Irish widow, whom he was personally conducting through Europe. His plight is discovered by a young Italian boy, whom he knew in America, and who assisted him to get passage on a ship bound for the States. It is carnival time in Venice, and the Italian youth Antonio rescues a young American girl from the clutches of a pair of thugs, who are trying to rob her. Unfortunately one of the villians is supposedly killed, and the hero is obliged to take refuge on the same vessel which bears Mose back home. The next act finds all of the characters concerned in New York. Antonio and Mose are in the depths of poverty, but are eventually discovered by the American girl, who has been searching for the Italian. In act third the authors have revolved a very dramatic situation leading up to the attempted kidnapping of Antonio. The hero is knocked out and placed in a huge sack into which Mose crawls.

WARWICK

Mrs. John L. Lattomus is spending this week in Smyrna.

Mr. D. W. Wilson, of Wilmington, visited his parents here on Sunday.

Preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow at 7.30 o'clock. All are invited.

Mr. William T. Vinyard visited her sister, Mrs. Maxey Bland, near Middletown, this week.

Camp No. 8, P. O. S. of A., attended the institution of Camp No. 26 at Cecilton last Wednesday evening.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held their regular monthly and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Amos Wilson last Friday.

Miss Helen Marsh Eaton, of this town, and Mr. Bayard Jorden, of Wilmington, were married at the home of the bride last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. They will be at their home in Marshalton, Del., after May 1st.

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MANY BALLOTS BUT NO BISHOP

Two Candidates to Succeed Late Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman Were Nominated But Were Rejected

DOVER, Del., April 30.—After balloting the entire day, the Episcopal Convention which met here to-day for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman as Bishop of Delaware adjourned without having accomplished that object though the clergy made two nominations, both of which were rejected by the laymen. The men nominated and rejected were the Revs. Samuel M. Hart, of Vermont, and the Rev. George Y. Bliss, of Vermont. The election will now go over until the annual convention is held in Wilmington in June.

Dr. Hart was rejected by the laity wholly on account of his age, he being about sixty years old. Dr. Bliss was rejected for the simple reason that he was a young man of whom the delegates knew little and they were unwilling to a choice until they had further opportunity to consider his qualifications.

The balloting began 10.39 this morning and continued at the reassembling of the convention this afternoon at 1.30.

No adjournment would have been taken en had not the rector of the parish, the Rev. Henry Olmstead, insisted that the that the seventy-nine delegates who were being entertained in Dover homes, keep promptly their engagements to lunch at 12.30 o'clock.

Fifteen clergymen constituted the clerical body that did to-day's voting.

The laymen had no voice or vote, except to rule, with their overwhelming numbers, that the clergy must sit close to business and keep on voting until they agreed.

Although there was no apparent hope of his election, three friends of the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel E. Thomas of Philadelphia, led by Rector J. Harry Chesley of Claymont, refused to leave Dr. Thomas, who had received within two votes of election at the first diocesan convention, the one held in Wilmington in February. Strong efforts to compromise with these men were made during the noon recess.

The Right Rev. Sydney Catlin Partridge of Japan, Bishop of Kyoto, was the first nominee to come within one of the necessary two thirds. Within ten minutes after the opening of the convention. Bishop Partridge was receiving nine of the necessary ten votes on successive ballots.

Doctor George Yemens Bliss, St. Paul's Church, of Burlington, Vt., rector of the large Episcopal Church in that diocese, was soon receiving an equal number of votes, and, also, got within one of election, just at the afternoon adjournment.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Henry T. Deaver was in Baltimore recently.

Charles Ellison, Jr., has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Louie Queck is the guest of relatives in Germantown.

Dr. Fox filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Bohemia Lodge attended service at the M. E. Church on Sunday.

Miss Esther Banks is being entertained by Port Deposit friends.

Mrs. B. N. Bouchelle and children are spending sometime in Baltimore.

Mrs. Ida Bouchelle and daughters have been visiting Mrs. J. D. McCoy.

About $10 was realized at the "Pouverty Soshabul" held on Friday evening.

Miss Kay Price has been visiting friends in Philadelphia and Cheltenham, Pa.

Bennett Johnson and Mr. Thomas, of Newark, were visitors in town on Sunday.

Miss Lillie E. Johnson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia and Haddonfield, N. J.

Mrs. N. A. VanBuskirk is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bennett, in Cecilton.

Misses Bessie and Mary Barwick and Charles Ellison, Jr., attended a dance in Newark on Friday evening.

James Vaughan and Carroll Woolleyhan will probably represent the Chesapeake City High School at the Tome meet.

Miss Helen Hopper and little Miss Helen West, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with Mrs. J. S. Hopper.

Mrs. L. K. Barwick, Misses Bessie and Mary Barwick have returned from Philadelphia, where they have been spending the winter.

The Daughters of America will hold a pie and clipping social in Reed's corner store, on May 9th. Admission ten cents. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopper entertained a number of young folks Thursday evening in honor of their daughter Alice's twelfth birthday.

Roger Williams represented Bohemia Lodge, No. 68, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge held at the I. O. O. F. Temple, Baltimore, on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

While Miss Louise Boulden was lighting the gasoline lamps in the postoffice on Saturday evening, her sleeves caught fire, burning her very severely. Postmaster W. B. Coleman in trying to extinguish the flames had his hands burned quite badly.

The "Class of 1908" of the Chesapeake City High School is composed of four members: Henry Byers, John Hopper, Dora Morgan and James Vaughan. The annual commencement will be held on May 27th, and the Alumni Banquet the same evening. Mr. George A. Blake will present the diplomas.

The following ticket was nominated at the town meeting held on April 20th: For President: Hugh Caldwell and Dr. W. C. Karsner; for Commissioner: John Brown, Z. T. Cooling, Jr., William T. Harriott, James Hinson, Thomas Morris, George Peterson and Joseph Schaefer. Mr. W. E. Penn was nominated for a Commissioner but has withdrawn his name. The election will be held on Monday, May 4th. Polls open at 1 P. M. and close at 6 30 P. M.

TEMPERANCE DELEGATES

Governor Lea has appointed the following as delegates from Delaware to the Temperance Centenial Conference at Saratoga in June: Rev. J. M. Arters, Wilmington; Rev. Watt, Smyrna; Rev. A. W. Lightbourne and A. M. Daly, Dover; Joseph E. Holland Milford; State Treasurer Thos. N. Rawlins, Seaford.

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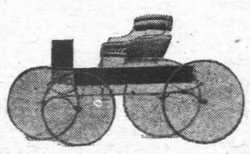

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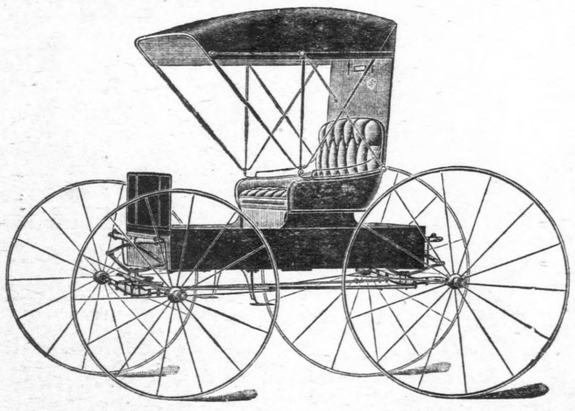

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m , 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m For Odessa—7.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a, m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 2, 1908.

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Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

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Rev. Albert E. Clay of Wilmington, gave a lecture before the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon. The subject was "Canterbury, England,', and was much enjoyed by those present.

The Brotherhood, assisted by the ladies of St. Paul's M. E. Church will give an entertainment and strawberry festival in the Town Hall, in Odessa, on May 19th and 20th. Due notice will be given later.

A Wilmington street car conductor had his face badly cut by the sharp edge of a big "Merry Widow" hat Saturday. The girl who wore the headpiece swept past the conductor nearly severing a slice off his nose.

FOR SALE.—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs, by the setting or in 100 lots. The chichen for the farmer as they are great winter layers. Inquire of T. S. Fouracre.
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The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The topic for next Sunday

Mr. E. J. Steele has added to the beauty of his greenhouses this week by placing a new iron fence in front. The fence which is set in a concrete coping is about 30 inches in heighth, and a very pretty fence.

Rev. F. H. Moore presented the Greeting of New Castle Presbytery on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Church at Elkton, Thursday evening. Governor Crothers also delivered an address, also Rev. L. E. Barrett and others,

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 23d: Miss Linda Hamlical, Mr. Charles Hodge, Mr. Eugene Phillips, Mr. Charley Plator, Mr. Robert Price.

There are some people who are mighty careless about throwing old truck into the alleyways. Such people should be taught a little civic pride by a modest fine. It is impossible for the authorities to keep places clean if people will persist in such practices.

Thousands of city people are now counting the hours when they can leave for some lake or river for an outing, where they can fight mosquitoes or bugs for a few days, and perhaps get drowned. It is a great thing and many of our ancestors lived and died not knowing what a vacation or outing meant.

It is well to remember that we carry the largest line of trimmed and untrimmed millinery in the vicinity. Our customers' satisfaction is our best advertisement, ask those that have bought their hats here and hear what they have to say, in regards to prices, quality and style. A. FOGEL.

We are pleased to see many of our citizens taking active interest in improving their homes and grounds. A little effort on the part of each citizen would give our town a prominent position upon the map. Nature has done much for us in picturesques cenery, now let us do much for ourselves along the improvement line.

Monday next, May 4th, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M., an election for one member of the Board of Light and Water Commission, for the full term of five years will take place at the office of A. G. Cox, on South Broad street. The election is to fill the place of M. B. Burris whose term will expire.

All the latest styles in wall paper at J. E. GINN'S. Long distance 'phone No. 109.

We call your attention to the fact that we have just received a large line of sample waists, skirts and children's dresses. A. FOGEL.

J. Frank Biggs, attorney, on Saturday afternoon last sold at public sale, at Kirkwood, the farm of John George Racine, deceased, to Albert D. Racine, of Dover, for $1,800. The tract contained 57 acres with a frame dwelling house thereon, and was situated partly in Pencader, Red Lion and New Castle hundreds. Fred P. Racine was administrator.

Jacob Burstan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan, has just been awarded third prize at the commencement exercises at University of Columbia, New York City, and was also on the honor roll. Mr. Burstan is taking a course in pharmacy at the above institution and his numerous friends here will be delighted to hear of his success.

The many friends of Mrs. Albert Pedrick, of New Castle, nee Miss Beulah Brawford, of Warwick, Md., gave her a kitchen shower Wednesday evening. About fifty young people called to extend congratulations to the bride and groom, and good wishes were showered as well as kitchen articles. Mr. and Mrs. Pedrick are now occupying a handsomely furnished residence on South Sixth street.

One of the few residents of Chelsea, Mass., whose homes were not destroyed by the recent conflagration in that city, was Gray Taylor, a former Middletown boy. Only three days previous to the fire Mr. and Mrs. Taylor occupied their new home, and though the flames came dangerously near their home, it was one of three in that section to escape destruction.

The little town of Galena, Md., was visited by a gang of petty thieves at an early hour yesterday morning, when five houses were broken into and robbed. The thieves evidentally were looking for eatables, as they ate supper at two different places. The houses entered were those of F. G. Caldwell, where they secured a small amount of change, and James W. Hickets, where a silver watch was taken. The other three houses entered were those of W. A. Whittaker, C. F. Taylor and Enoch Cannan.

Owing to the big advance in the price of beef, meat eaters will have to pay dearly for that luxury, and the prospects are that it will remain a luxury for sometime. Not alone is beef a luxury, but Spring lamb, pork and veal have also been affected by the advance in the price of beef. Not many years ago beef could be purchased, wholesale, for six or seven cents a pound, while to-day the price averages from seven to ten and one-half cents a pound, wholesale. It is not at all improbable that the price will advance two cents in the near future.

The members of the Y. W. C. T. U. held a social at the home of its secretary, Miss Ada M. Scott, Friday evening. The program consisted of instrumental solos, duetts and trios and several humorous readings. Refreshments were served. Among those present were: Miss Lynam, Miss Baker, Mrs. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kohl, Misses Lottie Jolls, Bessie Foraker, Edna Banning, Edna Vail, Emma Minner, Elsie Jones, Ada Scott, Jessie Kohl, Messrs. Taylor Barnett, Elwood Banning, Harry Gears, Albert Pierce and Harry Jones.

During the early hours of Sunday morning thieves entered the home of Mr. William J. Wilson on South Broad street, and relieved his pantry of all its eatables. They also got a small amount of cash, a check for $5.00 and several other small articles. They made their escape without being heard, and Mr. Wilson says he thinks they come out of the robbery quite lucky. At Townsend, on Tuesday night, bold attempts were made to enter the store of W. Harman Reynolds by cutting out a large window pane, but they were scared off before entering. The thieves, whoever they were, took the precaution to put all the street lights in the town out. It would be well to keep a sharp lookout for these petty thieves, as many small robberies have been reported in this section during the past few weeks.

On Sunday, May 3d, Rev. John M Arters, Peninsula Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, will speak in the churches composing Smyrna Circuit, being at Friendship in the morning, Seversons in the afternoon and at Jermon Chapel at night. Mr. Arters will speak on behalf of No-License for New Castle County and in the interest of law-enforcement for Kent County. The same cause will be represented by Caleb E. Burchenal, Esq., at Townsend on Sunday morning, Blackbird in the afternoon and Clayton at night. The addresses to be delivered will have particular reference to the selection of proper legislative candidates from whom it is proposed to secure further temperance legislation at the hands of the approaching General Assembly.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET M. WRIGHT

Mrs. Margaret M. Wright, widow of the late John W. Wright, died at the home of her son-in-law, Martin B. Burris, in this town, Friday, April 24th. Mrs. Wright had been unwell for many months but her death was unexpected.

Deceased was the daughter of Tunis and Sarah Allen and was born in New Jersey on April 6th, 1826. She left to survive her three children, William E. Wright, Mrs. Nancy M. Arthurs, the wife of J. M. Arthurs of Kenton, and Mrs. Sylvia A. Burris, wife of Martin B. Burris, Esq., of Middletown, Delaware. She was a woman of rare tenderness and culture, and took a lively interest in current events. While her eyesight had become so impaired that she was nearly blind, she required that the daily papers and periodicals be systematically read to her, and her mental faculties were clear and strong until the day of her death.

After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her. Her christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and to-day the leaves fall upon another grave that hides from our sight all that is mortal of a true and noble woman.

Impressive funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, and the Rev. George P. Jones officiated. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery. The pall-bearers were her son, William Wright, her sons-in law, M. B. Burris and J. M. Arthurs Dr. Virdin and her grandsons, Dr. Virdin Stanley and John Arthurs.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Mary Nowland was in Wilmington this week.

Mr. Charles Byron spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. G. V. Peverley was in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Ada Lockwood is visiting friends in Colwyn, Pa.

Miss Viola McWhorter is visiting her sister in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hoffecker spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Rev. F. H. Moore has been spending this week in Atlantic City, N. J.

Mr. Reece Woolford, of Clayton, was a brief here visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Rogers, of near Frederica, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. T. S. Fouracre.

Miss Lola Pleasanton, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Lulu Vinyard on Sunday.

Mr. Wilson Heaton, of Philadelphia, visited his sister, Miss Martha Heaton, on Sunday.

Messrs. William Garner and John Price, of Smyrna, were in town Wednesday evening.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, this week.

Mrs. John Hudson, of Smyrna, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Howell, this week.

Mrs. T. J. Bowes, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her brother, Mr. J. C. Alston, on Tuesday.

Mr. Grant Rowbotham, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. Samuel Price and family.

Mr. George Stephens, of Philadelphia, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Lockwood and family.

Mr. Lloyd Bratton and Miss Massey, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Price on Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hutchin left this week for Philadelphia, where she will consult an occulist.

Mrs. Frank Lambert, of Wooddale, is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blome.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alexander, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Buehm on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Tarbutton, of Wilmington, was entertained on Sunday by her cousin, Miss Lydia Dockety.

Mrs. Carl Harrington and little son, of Baltimore, Md., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cocran.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Browne and mother, Mrs. N. M. Browne, of Wilmington, were visitors in town part of this week.

Mrs. Frank W. Reeves, of Atlantic City, N. J., is spending several days with Mrs. E. S. Jones, on Crawford street.

Postmaster H. C. Conrad and Dr. Allen and wife, of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. Annie Pennington over Sunday.

Misses Fanny and Mabel Derrickson, of New York City, were guests of their sister, Mrs. G. L. Cochran, on Sunday.

Little Miss Myrtle Spicer, of near town, spent several days this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch.

Miss Beulah Dolson and Messrs. Alban Shaw and Clifford McIntyre, of Wilmington, were guests of Miss Ada Scott on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Allen and three children, of Philadelphia, were the guests of friends and relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. James Lockwood who has been attending preparatory school at Washington, D. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Adelaide Lockwood, on Cass street.

WHERE ARE THE BOYS?

We have for years past noticed one very undesirable feature in the attendance of the public school in the higher grade, viz: There are, as a rule, many more girls attending than boys. Why is this? Where are the boys? They leave school, many of them, in their early or middle teens as soon as they can get a position as clerk in some store or office under the impression that they are wasting time by remaining in school longer. The average boy thinks that if he gets some business position that will enable him to earn a few dollars a month, and that looks towards his final occupation in life, while his classmate sticks to school three or four years longer, he has just so many years the start of his companion who remains in school. Now the real facts in the case are that the reverse of this is the truth. The boy who remains in school and acquires a thorough education lays a foundation that will surely, other things being equal, enable him to surpass his classmate, who left school three or four years earlier.

THEY KEPT THE TEAM

Two strangers, who claimed they were buying up antique furniture, hired a team from Liveryman Corbit Vinyard, Thursday of last week, Mr. Vinyard stipulating that they were to return the team that evening. As they did not, and Friday came with no tidings of them, he became alarmed and instituted a search. Late Friday evening the men drove to the stable of Grant Abbott on Loockerman street, Dover, and asked that the horse, which was much jaded, be kept over night. They stated it was a Middletown team and that they intended to use it for a couple of weeks.

Saturday morning Mr. Abbott learned Mr. Vinyard was searching for the team and he notified him by 'phone that it was in Dover. Mr. Vinyard lost no time in going to Dover and hunting up the men. With threats of arrest he forced them to pay for full three days' use of the horse and carriage, and then brought his property back to Middletown.

DEMAND FOR LIBRARIES!

At a meeting of the State Library Commission in Dover recently the librarian reported that during 1907 the sixty-two traveling libraries owned by the commission were circulated in the State one hundred and three times, and that the circulation of books was fully ten thousand. These libraries are sent throughout the State to schools, Sunday Schools, granges and associations, and the demand for them at times is greater than the supply. The commission also supplied a number of the Women's Clubs in the State with books for their study classes, and where it was possible assistance was given to teachers and others pursuing special lines of study.

MADE A FINE SHOWING

Governor Lea and Other State Officials Witnessed Inspection

NEWARK, DEL., April 29.—The annual inspection of the Delaware College cadets which took place Tuesday afternoon, was successful from every viewpoint. To the music of their recently organized band and under the eyes of critical military expects, anxious friends and innumerable relatives and proud and admiring girl friends, the young soldiers sustained the situation admirable and the youngest cadet in the line of gray and black had reason to be elated as the result of the drill, as well as the haughty cadet officer.

The drill ground fairly sparkled with the bright dresses and millinery of women and the uniforms of the cadets when the inspection began. Captain Peter C. Harris U. S. A., was the inspecting officer. Lieutenant Edgar S. Stayer, Twenty-first Infantry, U. S. A., is the military instructor at the college.

Many visitors came from Wilmington. Among the State and military officials present were Governor Preston Lea, Adjutant-General I. Pusey Wickersham, Colonel Theodore Townsend, Lieutenant-Colonel Cavanaugh, U. S. A., retired, Colonel George W. Sparks and Captain Ernest Parks.

The inspection lasted two and a half hours. There was a minute inspection of the personnel, accoutrements and books and papers of the battalion. Captain Harris was unstinted in his praise of the work of the cadets and complimented Lieutenant Strayer.

After the inspection Cadet Major J. P. McCaskey, Captain J. C. Aker, Captain J. L. Newman and Captain J. R. Kelley, of the Cadet Corps were offered an opportunity to join the regular service of Captain Harris, and they have the proposition under advisement.

The battalion received 100 per cent. for attendance. One hundred and forty-four men comprise the corps. Of these 130 were in attendance. Eleven are in the South with the baseball team and the others were ill.

ODESSA

Mr. Columbus Watkins, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Lola C. Harris, of Smyrna, is spending sometime with her father here.

Miss Florence Atherly, of Claymont, is spending a few days at the home of Taylor Atherly and wife.

Mrs. Charles Magee and daughter Helen are spending sometime with her parents, William Heller and wife.

Miss Emma B. Eccles entertained on Sunday and Monday her cousin, Miss Lou Skellinger, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Caroline Hahn and sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Hahn, are spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

The many friends of Mr. George L. Townsend will be glad to learn he is much improved at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Givan and son Kenneth spent Tuesday at the home of Julian Cleaver and family, near town.

Miss Helen E. Hall, of Middletown, spent several days last week with her cousins, Misses Viola and Isabella Smith.

Epworth League devotional service held every Sunday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. Preaching service at 8.45 o'clock.

Miss Reba Burgess has returned to her home in Wilmington, after spending several days with relatives in and near town.

Miss Mary Staats has returned to her home in Baltimore, after spending sometime at the home of Mrs. G. E. Coppage.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Daly and daughter Margaret, of New York, spent a few days this week at the home of Levin James and wife.

CECILTON

Miss Grace Burris was the guest of Mrs. Lipiscomb on Sunday.

Dr. E. N. Crawford spent a few days last week in Baltimore.

Clifford V. Hoover left this week to join the Bradford, Pa., base ball club.

Miss Iona Benson, of Earleville, spent Wednesday with Miss Blanche Padley.

Mr. George Boyles and wife have moved in Kent County on Thomas Massey's farm.

William Brown has returned to Wilmington, after spending a week with his parents here.

Quite a number from here attended the entertainment in Galena on Thursday evening last.

Rev O. E. Jones, wife and children spent a few days last week with relatives in Wyoming, Del.

Miss Maragret Bullock, of Wilmington, has been visiting her cousins, Misses Emma and Blanche Brown.

Mrs. Julian Jones and daughter of Kennedyville, were entertained on Friday by Mr. T. P. Jones, Jr., and family.

Miss Mary Anderson and friends, of Still Pond, were entertained on Sunday by her mother, Mrs. R. Anderson.

Mr. Dickson Smith and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Joseph Atwell and wife, near Chestertown.

There will be no services at St. Stephen M. P. Church or in the Chapel as Rev. William Coale will be in Baltimore this Sunday.

Mr. L. B. Manlove, wife and daughter Mildred, of Warwick, and Fred E. Hoover, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with their parents there.

T. Reynold Lewick, of Frederica, Del., has accepted a position as clerk in S. P. Hoover's store, entered and upon his duties on Saturday last.

The Easter dance given by the young men of Cecilton in Mechanics Hall on Tuesday evening last was a pleasant social affair, and was enjoyed by over twenty-five couples.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .98	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	65
Timothy Seed	$3.25	" cob	65
Clover Seed	.22	Oats	70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	14@16
Country Butter, per lb	27@32
Creamery Butter, per lb	35
Lard, per lb	10½@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	25@45

POOR TRUSTEES MET

They Will Place Modern Fire Escapes on County Hospital Building

In order to assure the safety of inmates of the New Castle County Hospital in case of fire it was decided at the meeting of the Board of Poor Trustees Wednesday to secure new fire escapes to replace those now in use. The new escapes will be modern in every respect, both as to mechanism and convenience.

For sometime it has been believed the ones now in use had outlived their day, and great fear was created for the safety of the inmates, the majority of whom are aged. It was found the fire escapes now attached to the building are entirely too narrow and old persons would encounter great difficulty in descending them, es pecially in the case of emergency.

At a meeting Wednesday it was decided to appoint a committee to secure fire escapes or at least to secure bids for their erection, and it is thought at the next meeting of the board, a month hence, something definite will be done in this respect. As far as the number of escapes on the building are concerned they are sufficient and the same number will be replaced.

The officers nominated two month ago in caucus were publicly elected Wednesday and inducted into office. All of the old officers were re-elected as follows:

President, Dr. Columbus Henry, of Newark.
Superintendent, James W. Foster.
Resident Physician, Dr. H. W. Briggs.
Coroner's Physician, Dr. J. W. Bastian.
Secretary, A. V. Lesley George.
Attorney, Reuben Satterthwaite, Jr.
Matron, Mrs. Margaret Bacon.
First Assistant, Miss Emma Pinder.
Second Assistant, Miss Maude Truitt.
Head female nurse, Miss Minnie O'Hanlon.
Head male nurse, David B. Ferris.
Chief Engineer, George Pool.
Head Farmer, William Jones.
Coachman, William H. Durham.
Watchman, James W. Foster, Jr.

The report of Superintendent Foster which was accepted, showed the population, 154 white, 32 colored, a total of 186. Deaths during the month: March 28th, Lizzie Cummings, colored, aged 25; April 6th, Patience Hull, aged 82; April 18th, Mary McVey, aged 45; April 24th, Mary Willard, aged 62; April 28th, Ida Robinson, aged 29; all of Wilmington; March 26th, Effie Briscoe, colored, aged 25 · April 15th, John Sentman, aged 59, both of Newark; April 13th, James Poole, aged 85, of Middletown.

The farm report showed the following expenditures: Fifty bushels corn from Joseph Quigley, $37.50; one plow, White Brothers, $12.50; 2,000 pounds bran; Lea Milling Company, $29.50; 1,000 pounds middlings, same firm, $15.50; vegetable seeds, 71 cents; total, $95.71. Received from sale of hogs, $294.40.

BOY SHOT COLORED MAN

James Wilson, colored, was fatally shot Sunday by Warner Ginn, the seventeen-year-old son of Walter Ginn of near St. Georges. The real story of the shooting accident as learned by Coroner Callaway, is to the effect that Wilson, who was practically raised by the Ginn's, came to spend Sunday at the farm. The son and man had been out in the fields. Returning to the kitchen, the lad had told the colored man that he wanted to show him a gun. Going to the corner, young Ginn picked up the weapon and as he turned, it went off, the shot taking effect in the mouth and head of Wilson. Seeing what he had done, the boy hurried to St. Georges, where he told Dr. Dewitt what he had done and accompanied the physician back to the house. The man had bled considerably in the meantime, but was still conscious when the physician arrived. Dr. Dewitt asked Wilson if there had been a quarrel between himself and Ginn, and although unable to talk from being shot in the mouth, the man shook his head in the negative. He was asked if it was an accident and to this he nodded his head. A short time afterward, Wilson becames unconscious, and died Sunday evening at the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington to which he had been taken. Young Ginn is terribly worked up over what he has done. The men had been friends for many years. The impression is that the gun standing in the corner was cocked, and in turning around, the trigger became caught in the clothing of the boy and went off. The shooting was witnessed by Emily Read, the colored servant, and she is stout in her opinion that the tragedy was purely an accident. The parents of the lad were away from home at the time.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Elmer Webb, of Wilmington, spent Monday with his mother here.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Elva Hart on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Money and Mrs. George Daniels spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Frank Webb and children, of Blackbird, visited relatives here on Tuesday.

Mrs. Augustus Gill and daughter, of Philadelphia, visited relatives here during last week.

Miss Annie Prettyman, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor with Mrs. M. B. Donovan.

Hesten Atwell and wife, of Philadelphia, were over Sunday visitors with friends here.

D. Edward Atwell, of West Chester, Pa., visited his parents, John Atwell and wife, last week.

Miss Mildred Tarbutton, of Wilmington, visited Miss Lillian Hart the latter part of last week.

The Union Aid Society was splendidly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckson on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Benjamin Palmer, of Camden, N. J., is visiting her parents, Robert Beardsley and wife, near town.

Mrs. Emma Sommers and daughter Lillian, of Philadelphia, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Emma Rhodes.

Mrs. Joseph Jones and daughter Thelma of Newark, N. J., are visiting her parents, Robert Beardsley and wife.

Thomas Enos who has been attending school at Annapolis, is home for a two weeks' visit, accompanied by Mr. Robert Rice, of Central City, Nebraska.

Thieves are very bold in Townsend, they having visited town three nights in succession, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. A number of homes have been entered and eatables seem to be their object as that is all that has been missed so far.

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I, CALVIN P. STIDHAM, tenant of the house known as the Stidham House, situated at Odessa, in School District No. 61, county of New Castle and State of Delaware, in compliance with the requirements of the acts of the General Assembly, in such cases made and provided, do hereby give notice that I shall apply in writing to the Court of General Sessions of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, on MONDAY, the 1st day of June A. D. 1908, being the next term of said court, for a license for said house as an inn or tavern for the sale therein of intoxicating liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, and the following respectable citizens of said School District, at least six of whom are substantial freeholders of said School District, recommend the said application, viz:

John M. Gremminger,	Andrew Wiest,
John W. Smith,	Thos. P. Wallace,
Chas. Kronemeier,	F. J. Penington,
Harry Wiest,	Jacob Muehlberger
Victor Long,	John Wiest,
William Gremminger,	C. E. Stidham.
John G. Kielkopf,	

CALVIN P. STIDHAM.

ODESSA, DEL., April 29th, 1908.

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John Heller,	Robert Swan,
William Gremminger,	Isaac G. Lightcap,
W. E. Tucker,	John F. Morris,
John M. Gremminger,	L. A. Plummer,
Thomas P. Wallace,	H. Heller,
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George Huhn.	

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BY CHARLES NEWTON HOOD

The middle-aged man who had charge of the exhibit of modern fanning-mills at the Washington Village County Fair strolled over to the tent occupied by the young man who was exhibiting traction-engines, and dropped in familiarly.

It was the afternoon of the third day of the fair, and the horse-racing, the "special features," and the parade of prize-winning live stock were taking place over at the half-mile track.

Where next, Johnson? asked the elder man as he seated himself comfortably on a red-painted tool-box. I go to the Union County Fair myself.

I'm not exactly sure yet, answered the younger man, stepping to the door to hand an advertising pamphlet to a stray visitor who had stopped to glance in. I expected to be sent to the Union Fair myself, but I got a letter from the manager yesterday, saying that if the new machines they are getting up for the Western trade are ready in time, he would want me to jump out to Omaha and take charge of the exhibit there, and he would send a man from the factory to take these machines down to Union.

Sorry to part company with you, remarked the elder man, now that we have chanced to be along together at so many fairs, but it's part of the business.

Yes. I don't care where they send me—Frisco, Pekin, St. Petersburg or Honolulu—it's all the same to me.

Let me see, remarked the other where did you say your home is?

I don't think that I ever said, answered Johnson with a laugh which was not strictly mirthful, but I don't mind telling you—it's always just where I hang this up, and taking off his shapely straw hat he reached up and hung it on a nail in one of the tent-poles.

No home, eh? responded the fanning-mill man. Too bad. I'm a good bit of a rolling stone myself, but there's a little farmhouse up near a York State village where I hang up my hat once in awhile, tell about my travels, eat home-made brown bread, drink milk from a cow whose grandmother I used to drive to pasture and really enjoy life for a little while.

The young man looked far away through the door of the tent toward the crowd at the track. Wife and children? he asked.

No. Not yet. Not till I settle down somewhere. Good old father and mother, that's all, And when I go back there, nothing is too good for me. God bless them!

You're in luck, remarked the young man, sententiously. I don't suppose that I need to tell you that you can't be too good to them.

No, thank God, you don't need to, though it does me good to hear you say it. I'm not much to brag about but whatever decency there is about me I owe to them. But your own parents—are they dead?

I don't know. My father is, I know that; but about my mother I know positively nothing. It happened this way. I was a wild boy. Not a very bad kid—I don't think I was—but wayward and flighty, and just the sort of a son that father couldn't endure. An only son—and child—at that, and that tells a good deal. He used to say that mother spoiled me, but she didn't—and neither did he—I just spoiled myself.

I left the home I didn't know enough to appreciate at fourteen and since then I've been a wanderer. I drifted into a machine-shop a thousand miles from home and suddenly discovered that that was where I belonged. For a couple of years I wrote to my people regularly; then I got neglectful as I became interested in my trade, and sort of weaned from home. Then I was sent with a gang of workmen to Asia to help set up machinery for the firm. I wrote home several times but I never got a word in reply. If they wrote, I was drifting around so that I never received the letters. It was six years before I got back, and then all my love of home, which I had thought never existed, came over me with a rush, and the trains weren't fast enough.

Well, I went home. They showed me my father's grave over in the cemetery, and told me how he had signed notes, and all the rest of the old story of the foreclosed mortgage and the lost farm. I asked for my mother, and no one could tell me where she had gone. She had lived in a little rented cottage and had tried to support herself by weaving, then she had moved to a nearby village, where she thought that she could do better, and then to another—all alone, mind you! My mother, that I ought to have been there taking care of! My mother, old and poor, with no settled home; working desperately to live; drifting from place to place! Oh, it makes me crazy to think of it! and the young fellow jumped to his feet, snatched his hat from the tent-pole as though he would rush away somewhere, and then sat down again futilely.

And when you found her? queried the elder man, kindly.

Found her! cried the young man, fiercely, I have never found her. I have been looking for her ever since. Whenever I have a vacation or can steal the time, I go over the same old route. Always the same—from place to place—until they show me the little house where she lived in the last village, where no one knew her very well, or can remember where she went from there. I have searched and advertised, and even hired detectives, but it's no use. She may be living, she may be dead. I shall never know.

The old man could think of nothing comforting to say, and he sat there mechanically turning back and forth to its limit the screw of an adjustable wrench, but there were tears in his eyes.

Over at the track the trotters had made another false start and the bell in the judges' stand was being tolled rapidly. To the two in the tent it sounded like a knell.

Hard luck, my boy, hard luck, said the elder man, trying to be comforting, but don't give it up yet. There's always hope, you know, always hope.

Yes, I suppose so, I suppose so, responded the younger man, absently; and then he added, hastily, There's nothing doing here. We might as well shut down for awhile and go take a look around.

He let down the flap of his tent, hooked the barrier rope across the two stakes in front, called his assistant to shut off the engines and take charge of the exhibit, and the two men strolled away together.

Where shall we go,—to the track? queried Johnson.

No, thank you. The races are too tedious. What's the matter with tackling Floral Hall? There will be no crowd there now, and we can have an awe-stricken look at the big pumpkins, and the beet that beat the other beet, and the prize gingerbread baked by the wife of the game constable of District No. 6, and the tall corn-stalks, the petunias, the fancy work, and all the rest of it. Come on! Come on! You'll have to hurry! You'll have to hurry! If you miss it, you'll regret it! Come on! Come on! It's your last chance! And with similar forced attempts to brighten up his companion, they walked over toward the rough, permanent building of the Fair Association, misnamed "Floral Hall."

Soon they were strolling through the comparatively deserted aisles, greeting here and there acquaintances in charge of advertising exhibits and having a jolly time inspecting the numerous displays. At length they paused before a complete booth in which was a feature apparently new to the elder man. It was placarded: "Annual Exhibit from the Poor-Farm." There were samples of vegetables, grain and fruit raised on the county farm, with many articles made by the inmates of the institution, each of which bore a card on which was inscribed the number of the inmate who contributed it—a delicate consideration of the superintendent for the pride of the unfortunates.

There were marvelously knitted stockings and mittens, bits of fancy work and tidies, as well as loaves of bread, tempting cakes and batches of cookies and doughnuts, each the contribution, through the enterprise and kindness of the superintendent of the poor-farm and his wife, of some recipient of the charity of the county.

The men were mildly interested. Young Johnson had chanced to see similar exhibits at one or two fairs before, but to the elder man the idea was new and novel.

Well, the poor folks aren't so slow around here, he remarked. If the poverty-stricken people can do things like these, what can't the rich do?

The most of these poor people got their "learn-how" when they were well off, answered the assistant, smiling.

Now, for instance, continued the elder man, pointing to the articles hanging on a line overhead. Look at that quilt; isn't it a beauty? It's good enough for a king's bed. Looks like the art needlework of the Middle Ages. I never saw one just like it. That's pretty fine workmanship. Look at that tracing. He turned to his companion. Why, what's the matter, Johnson?

The younger man stood silently grasping the railing and gazing with wide-open eyes at the quilt, while his face had turned, suddenly, almost colorless. He did not seem to notice what his companion had said, but leaning forward he drew the attendant toward him excitedly.

Can you tell me the name of the person who made that quilt? he asked.

No, sir. We only know them by the numbers. This was made by No. 42. The keeper of the poor-farm could tell you.

How far is it to the poor-farm?

About five miles out, on the Morris pike. The place is well worth visiting, sir; you——

He turned to continue his information, but he was alone. The excited but not usually impolite Johnson had grasped his companion by the arm and fairly dragged him from the building.

What is it, Johnson? the elder man asked.

Don't ask me yet. I may be wrong again, the younger man replied, rushing up to the driver of a more than usually elaborate turnout which had just been driven into the enclosure with a party of village people, and on which was a sign: "To the Grounds—25 cents.

Can you drive us to the poor-farm? he asked the driver.

Yes, I could; but it would cost a five-dollar bill to-day. You see this is a rubber-tired rig, and to-day is our harvest, an——

Get us there in half an hour and we won't quarrel about the hold-up, ejaculated Johnson, as they sprang into the carriage. Now, let them go.

Do you think, possibly, your mother may have made it? queried the elder man, gently, as the equipage dashed through the gates and straight out into the country.

Oh, I don't know. I presume that it's another mistake and a false clue like they all are, but back at home there was a quilt like that on the bed in the spare room, and my mother made it. Made it and designed it and all. I'm a fool to think that she made this one, too, but I can't rest until I find out. I've been disappointed so often that it won't matter. I suppose that it is ludicrous to follow up a crazy lead like this, but I can't help it.

Washington County was proud of its poor-farm, and it had reason to be. The buildings were of brick and everything was spick, span and spacious. To inspect it was a delight. To live in it was similar to residing in a department store. It provided a warm, clean, comfortable shelter, where there was enough to eat and to wear—and that was all. One of the treats of the year to the inmates was a ticket each to the fair on the last day and on this particular day there were only "at home," as it were, the idiot boy, the two idiot girls. Crazy Sal, who had to be kept locked in her room; the paralytic, who had been sent to the poor-farm from District No. 12; old Nigger Williams, who was deprived of the trip for a punishment because he had "cooned" melons from the keeper's private patch; and a white-haired old woman who, because she didn't care much for the fair anyway, had been kindly allowed to remain at the farm and scrub out the hallways and the big, bare sitting-room as an especial stint. The old woman had finished her work, and she was very tired, but the novelty of being alone and practically in charge for once was so stimulating that, instead of lying down, she took her knitting and went out and sat alone on the porch in solitary state. She saw the hack approaching at breakneck speed, but she did not especially associate it with the poor-farm until it stopped at the gate, and then she wondered what new charge was coming on the county, for hacks seldom came to the poor-farm except when the village poormaster had discovered a new pauper or when the supervisors made their annual visit in the spring. She half rose from the bench by the door as a young man bounded up the steps and asked if he might see No. 42.

For a breathless moment the old woman looked at him. Her knitting dropped from her nerveless hands; a look almost of fright overspread her face, coupled with such a look of longing—but it was only for a moment. Then the little woman drew herself up very straight, pulled her spectacles down from above her forehead and gazed straight into the face of the young man before her.

May I see No. 42? he repeated, impatiently, then stopped and caught his breath.

Is it—is it—Bob? she asked. Is it my Robert?

But there was no need for a reply.

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By Order of Town Council

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AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
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MAY 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1908.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Seal

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY
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Address,
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EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

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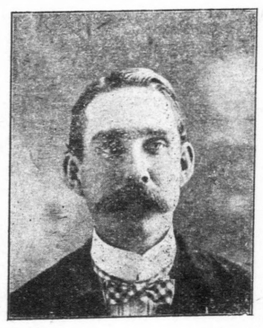
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